

# **EXHIBIT A**

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**Objet : Declaration and Power of Attorney form**

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Dear Mr DALY,

Technip France filed United States Patent Application No. 10/593,211 on the invention entitled "Method and System for Starting Up a Pipeline" which was a joint invention by you and Ange Luppi. A copy of the specification, claims and drawings of that U.S. application is enclosed. In order for this U.S. patent application to continue and be examined for patenting by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, that Office requires and therefore we request that you read the enclosed U.S. patent specification, claims and drawings, and that if it correctly discloses and describes your invention, that you then review and sign and date the enclosed Applicant's Declaration and Power of Attorney form. Please note, it must be both signed and the date of signing must be written. Then please return the signed application to us. If you do not sign the Declaration and Power of Attorney, there may be difficulties in having the application examined in the United States.

Your assistance in completing the formalities for this application would be appreciated.

Very truly yours,

**Gilles DEGREMONT by  
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Intellectual Property Department Manager  
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